

TIPP CITY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

January 12, 2009

Roll Call

Chairman Hale called this meeting of the Tipp City Parks Advisory Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance included: Pamela Hale, Maynard Watkins, Doug Slagel, Pat Hodges and David Mihalyo.

Also in attendance were Jim Asher, Scott Vagedes Tipp Monroe Community Services representative Kathy Taylor and Board Secretary Susan Denlinger. Guests signing the register included Nancy Bowman. Mr. English and Mr. Merritt were unable to attend.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as amended. A motion by Mr. Milhalyo, seconded by Mr. Hodges.

**Citizen
Comments**

There were none.

New Business

Election of
Chairman and Vice
Chairman

Pamela Hale's term as Chairman and David Milhalyo's term for Vice Chairman has expired effective January 2009. Pamela Hale thanked the City and the Board for supporting her as Chairman of the Board and asked if anyone was interested in the positions. Mr. Milhalyo said he would take the position of Chairman and Mr. Slagel said he would take the position of Vice Chairman. Mr. Hodges made the motion to accept Mr. Milhalyo and Mr. Slagel as the new Chairman and Vice Chairman and Mrs. Hale seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with Mr. Milhalyo abstaining from the Chairman vote and Mr. Slagel abstaining from the Vice Chairman vote.

Kyle Park ODNR
Bike Trail Grant

Scott Vagedes stated that Bradley C. Vath was able to obtain a \$150,000 ODNR grant to be matched with 20% local funds for the completion of the Great Miami River Recreational Bike Trail through Kyle Park. The City is currently in the design stage and is hopeful that the project will be bid in February for spring construction (see drawing) including connections to the main parking lot and the Timmer Pavilion parking area. This should be completed by July 31, 2009. Mr. Vagedes added that the existing bike path around the soccer fields will be widened and resurfaced.

Old Business

Veteran's
Memorial Park
Bricks

Mr. Asher reported that the Parks Department delivered bricks to Wadsworth, Ohio to the Midwest Engraving company and has picked them back up. The Parks Department will install the bricks with the cooperation of Ron Re` in March. Ms. Taylor said they would be taking brick orders in February of this year with a deadline of June so that the bricks could be here and installed before the colder weather sets in. Mr. Watkins asked about notification to the brick purchasers of the installation and Ms. Taylor said that each purchaser is told an approximate time of installation at the time of purchase. It was suggested that perhaps we put a piece in the monthly newsletter or mention it on the utility bill as well. Mr. Vagedes suggested taking brick orders all year with a cut-off date added to the form and make the order form available at various locations with the City being the new location to turn in the forms and money and also have the City be the keeper of the master spreadsheet that list all brick orders. It was suggested the forms could be added to the City's website as well as available at the Veteran's Memorial by adding it to the backside of the map. Ms. Taylor had no problem with the City taking this over. She said Community Services had volunteered at the beginning of this project with the intent of the City taking the project over. Mr. Vagedes said he would need to speak with Mr. Drennen, the Finance Director, to see how the City would handle taking the money on this project before making this change official.

Veteran's
Memorial Park
Eagle Scout
Project

Mr. Slagel confirmed that he had given the Scouts the go ahead on the Veteran's Memorial Park Project.

Dog Park Fencing

Mr. Asher stated that the fence has been purchased and will be installed as soon as the weather permits.

2009-2013 CIP

Mr. Vagedes briefly went over the 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks Department. He stated most of the parks budget is for the pool. Mr. Hodges mentioned that most of the parks projects that were listed in the 2008-2012 CIP were no longer part of the 2009-2013 CIP. Mr. Vagedes said that due to the budget cuts and lack of income these projects had to be cut from the plan at this time, but it doesn't necessarily mean that a couple of the projects could be completed if some additional funds are made available. There also was some discussion on the pool project prices and Mr. Vagedes said he had been working with Cincinnati Pool on calculation of the dollar amounts for these projects.

Motorized Vehicles
on Bike Path

Mr. Vagedes said a copy of two emails had been given to everyone to read. Both emails spoke of trail rules from Five Rivers Metro Parks and the Miami County Parks District (list a copy from the City of Piqua). There was some discussion of the location of signs/rule and mile markers. Mr. Vagedes said the City would try to paint mile markers on the trail with hopes that someday this be coordinated with adjoining trails. There was some discussion that having too many signs would clutter the look and is just not necessary for the trails. Mr. Asher said he thought a good location for the trail rules would be one at each end of the trail.

Troy Strawberry
Festival

Ms. Taylor said that she received a check in the amount of \$3500 from the Troy Strawberry Festival for the use of the soccer fields in the spring for their tournament. A total of \$4900 was due for the 196 games (\$25 per game) that were played. The payment received was short the amount of \$1400. The check was given to Mr. Vagedes for the City to deposit.

Other Business
Brick Dust

Mr. Asher stated that brick dust had been installed on all six fields in Kyle Park.

Other Discussion

Several things were suggested about how to collect the balance due from the Troy Strawberry Festival Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Slagel that we have two letters sent. One from Community Services asking for the balance due and that use of the fields will not be made available for future use until payment is received in full and attach a copy of the new field use policy (which should prevent any future reoccurrences) and the second letter from the City's attorney stating basically what has been discussed by the Parks Board and supporting the collection of funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watkins and unanimously approved by the board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hodges and seconded by Mr. Slagel with unanimous approval.

David Milhalyo, Chairman

Attest: _____
Susan Denlinger, Board Secretary

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